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Programme budget implications of draft resolutions II, III, IV and V contained in the report of the Secretary-General

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

Draft resolution II

The Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

1. In paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would request the General Assembly to provide increased resources to the Economic Commission for Africa for the Decade, especially to strengthen industrial cooperation in the implementation of the Decade.

2. Since the activities envisaged under the draft resolution relate to the biennium 1994-1995, no additional appropriations would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

3. The resources for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, which is currently under review. The General Assembly will make a final decision on the level of resources proposed by the Secretary-General in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, at its forty-eighth session.

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Draft resolution III

Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

4. In paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would request the General Assembly to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the necessary regular budget resources to enable it to effectively and efficiently carry out the activities listed in paragraphs 5 (a) to (d) of the resolution in its capacity as lead agency of the Second Decade.

5. Since the activities envisaged under the draft resolution relate to the forthcoming biennium, no additional appropriations would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

6. The resources required for the implementation of the activities envisaged under the resolution will be included in the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Should the General Assembly decide that additional resources (over and above those included in the proposed programme budget) would be required to carry out the activities related to the Second Transport and Communications Decade, a statement of programme budget implications would be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

Draft resolution IV

Strengthening development information systems for regional cooperation and integration in Africa

7. In paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would request the General Assembly to ensure the provision of four Professional and two local-level posts as well as resources to permit the delivery of activities to the Commission's subprogramme on information systems development beginning with its programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

8. Since the activities envisaged under the draft resolution relate to the forthcoming biennium, no additional appropriations would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

9. The level of resources for the Commission's subprogramme on information systems development will be addressed in the relevant section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, which is currently under review. The General Assembly will make a final decision on the level of resources proposed by the Secretary-General in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, at its forty-eighth session.

Draft resolution V

African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

10. In paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would appeal to the General Assembly to convert the grant to the Institute into established Professional posts in the regular budget as provided in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 of the Economic Commission for Africa.

11. In paragraph 2, the Council would further appeal to the General Assembly to provide other types of resources for programme implementation, as requested in the Institute's component of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 of the Commission.

12. Since the activities envisaged under the draft resolution relate to the forthcoming biennium, no additional appropriations would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

13. The resources related to the African Institute will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, which is currently under review. The General Assembly will make a final decision on the level of resources proposed by the Secretary-General in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, at its forty-eighth session.